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Amendments to the draft Declaration for the Fiftieth Anniversary (rolling text 1) submitted by the Chairman (A/AC.240/1995/WG/6)

A. Amendment proposed by Belarus and Ukraine

Paragraph 15

Insert the following new subparagraph before the last subparagraph:

- Intensify cooperation with regard to the reduction of natural disasters and major technological and anthropogeneous catastrophes in order to enhance the capabilities of affected developing countries and countries with economies in transition to cope with such situations.

B. Amendments proposed by China

1. Paragraph 10

At the end of the paragraph, for and the well-being of the human family read and the economic and social development of all countries in the world

2. Paragraph 11

(a) In the first sentence after an important role in, insert the promotion of economic and social development, including

(b) Replace the second sentence by the following:

There is a clear mandate in the Charter for the United Nations to promote higher standards of living, full employment and conditions of economic and social progress, as well as the solutions to international economic, social and related problems. To achieve these purposes, all members of the United Nations have pledged themselves to take joint and separate action in cooperation with the Organization. In many respects, however, these have not been fulfilled.

3. Paragraph 12

Replace the paragraph by the following:

The need for action in these fields has never been more urgent. One fifth of the world's people live in abject poverty, and the gap between the developed and developing countries remains unacceptably high. Moreover, accelerating globalization and interdependence in the world economy call for policy measures that will maximize the new opportunities for all countries to benefit from them and keep uncertainties and potential negative effects to the lowest level possible. Only through unprecedented measures of international cooperation for sustained economic growth and sustainable development can we ever meet these enormous challenges.

4. Paragraph 13

(a) At the beginning of the paragraph, for In order to meet common development challenges read To this end

(b) Replace the last two sentences by the following:

As a result, a consensus has emerged on the need for an integrated approach for international cooperation for development oriented towards promoting sustained economic growth and sustainable development.

5. Paragraph 14

Delete the paragraph.

6. Paragraph 15

(a) Insert the following new subparagraph before the first subparagraph:

- Implementing all the commitments as embodied in such milestone agreements relevant for international cooperation for development in the 1990s and beyond as the Declaration adopted at the eighteenth special session of the General Assembly, the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade, Agenda 21 and the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development.

(b) Original first subparagraph

Line 1: after open add and equitable

(c) Replace the original fifth subparagraph by the following:

- Recognizing that environmental sustainability constitutes an integral part of the development process, promoting actions to reduce and eliminate unsustainable patterns of production and consumption, particularly in developed countries, and in accordance with the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities, rendering financial and technological support to developing countries in their effort to pursue sustainable development.

(d) Replace the original sixth subparagraph by the following:

- Strengthening the role of the United Nations system in international economic cooperation so that its mandate as enshrined in the Charter shall be fully realized.

(e) Add the following new subparagraph as the last subparagraph:

- Increasing the representation and participation of developing countries in international economic decision-making processes and mechanisms in the spirit of democracy and with a view to making more effective the management of the globalized world economy for common prosperity.

7. Paragraph 16

(a) At the beginning of the paragraph, after We recognize that, insert development, democracy and respect for all human rights, including the right to development, are interdependent and mutually reinforcing, that

(b) At the end of the paragraph add the following new sentence:

We support deeply the Charter's promise of the equal rights of men and women and of nations large and small.

8. Paragraph 17

(a) Delete the first sentence.

(b) Insert the following new subparagraph before the first subparagraph:

- Respect fully the diversity within and among countries

(c) Replace the last two subparagraphs with the following subparagraph:

- Take concerted actions towards the full realization of the equal rights of women and men and the protection of the rights of the child

C. Amendments proposed by the Holy See

1. Paragraph 12

In the third sentence, for This and read Both causal and consequential factors of this, along with

2. Paragraph 13

At the end of the second sentence, after sustainable development add or one with the human being as the centre of concerns for sustainable development

3. Paragraph 15

(a) In the first sentence of the first subparagraph, for technology transfer read transfer of technology and knowledge

(b) Replace the sixth subparagraph by the following:

- Promoting more focused cooperation among and improving the effectiveness of all sections of the United Nations system for development, especially in the field

4. Paragraph 16

At the end of the paragraph, after fundamental freedoms, add and consequently should be the principal beneficiary and should participate actively in the realization of these rights and freedoms.

5. Paragraph 17

(a) Line 2, after historical add cultural and religious

(b) In the first subparagraph, for encourage adherence to read protect, and for as the birthright of read inherent to

6. Paragraph 18

In the last sentence, after transport insert international financial markets

7. Paragraph 19

(a) At the end of the second subparagraph add without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion

(b) In the fourth subparagraph, for universal read wider

D. Amendment proposed by Italy

Replace paragraph 19 by the following:

We express our determination to:

- Promote respect for general principles of international law
- Encourage universal ratification of existing multilateral treaties and compliance with the obligations arising from them
- Promote the further codification and progressive development of international law, aimed in particular at pursuing economic and social progress and better standards of living in larger freedom and universal respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms
- Promote the building and maintenance of fair and just societies, in which all people are able to participate
- Encourage resort to means and methods for the peaceful settlement of disputes between States.